treatment completion rate of less than 40%, drug shortages, emphasis on X-ray for diagnosis, poor quality sputum microscopy, multiplicity of treatment regimens, inadequate budget a managerial capacity etc.

(d) Based on the findings of a review of the Programme in 1992, Government of India evolved a Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) with the objective of curing at least 85% of sputum positive cases and detecting at least 70% of these cases. This programme is based on high quality sputum microscopy and treatment which is Directly Observed (DOT) to ensure that the patient takes his full course of treatment. Under this programme, quality of diagnosis has been good and sputum conversion rate remains high at 87%. Currently the programme covers 140 million population, which is expected to increase to 250 million by end 2000 and 400 million by 2002.

Herbal Medicines as Food Supplements

956. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the manufacture and marketing of herbal medicines as food supplements, without following even the minimum WHO standards;

(b) if so, what is the existing monitoring system by the regulatory authority to check the standards of such herbal medicines, marketed as food supplements; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to prevent manufacture and sale of herbal medicines, misused as food components?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) A number of products termed as Dietary Supplements/Nutritional Supplements/Health Foods etc., are being sold in the market wothout medicinal claims. The Food

Health Authorities of all States and their Analysts have been also asked to oversee the fulfilment of prescribed instructions on the subject, including labelling requirement.

CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi

957. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the dispensary-wise number of CGHS beneficiaries registered in Delhi;

(b) the number of CGHS Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani dispensaries and Units, location-wise, functioning in Delhi, with details of the area covered by these dispensaries and units;

(c) whether Government propose to set up CGHS units of ISM and H in Delhi, in view of inadequate number of such dispensaries/ units and the same being situated at distant and scattered places, especially in Central zone, South zone and East zone;

(d) the total funds allocated to them; and

(e) the future plan for expansion of these CGHS units of ISM and H in Ninth Five Year Plan in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The information is available in the attached statement I. (see below)

(b) The information is available in the attached statement-II. (see below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No separate funds are allocated. However, the funds are allocated at the time of their approval.